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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated **August 31, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: